

THE VOICE

September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO PORTAGE CHAPEL HILL

When we experience
Jesus among us,
worship comes alive!



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Pastor Barry Petrucci — Pastor Jess Davenport

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Celebration of Discipleship

Prelude	Prelude from English Suite #2	Bach
Candle-Lighting from All Corners		
Call To Worship		Tonya Boot
Song	Do It Again	New Life Team
Pastoral Welcome		
Song	Heart of Worship	
The Psalter		UMH 815
Pastoral Prayer		Jess Davenport
Children's Time		Andrea Trantham
<i>Children in Pre-K–4th grade are invited to Children In Worship, on the playground, after the Children's Time message. Adults may pick up their kids on the playground.</i>		
Hymn	Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies	UMH 173
Scripture	Psalm 96	
Message	Worship	Barry Petrucci
Offering & Special Music	You Are Welcome Here	Chancel Choir
Dedication and Celebration		
Hymn	This Little Light of Mine	On Screen
Communal Blessing		
Song	Sweet Shalom	
Postlude	Allemande	Bach

Fall Schedule Begins Sunday, September 19, 2021!

Worship at 10 am

Christian Education for All Ages at 11 am

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- **Nursery** is available for infants and toddlers in Room 205 from 10 am–Noon
- **Children's Sunday School** for kids in Preschool–6th grade happens outside on the playground at 11 am (will be in the Sanctuary in case of severe weather)
- **Confirmation** for 7th & 8th graders is at 11 am in Rooms 114/115
- **Senior High Sunday School** is at 11 am in Room 108
- **The Wired Word—Online** class is at 9 am on Zoom (contact Kathy Willhite at kathleenwillhite@att.net for the Zoom link)
- **The Wired Word—In-Person** will meet at 11 am in Room 218 beginning Sunday, September 26
- **The Upper Room Bible study** meets at 9 am in Room 209
- **Adult Connection** is an informal time for conversation and fellowship at 11 am in Fellowship Hall

To learn more about any of these offerings please contact Director of Discipleship Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org or visit pchum.org/discipleship. There you'll also find information about all the Small Groups available at Portage Chapel Hill, including the brand new *Homeward and Bound Together* group being led by Pastor Jess Davenport.

4th Wednesday Meals with God's Kitchen of Michigan

- Wednesday, September 22, 5–6 pm

Need a night off from planning dinner? Let Chapel Hill and God's Kitchen do the work for you! Portage Chapel Hill Church is partnering with God's Kitchen of Michigan to serve a free meal to the church and community each and every month right here at Chapel Hill. This month's meal is Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and green beans, and it will be served drive-thru style from the lower parking lot. Limit one dinner per person; must be present to receive a meal. Learn more at pchum.org/godskitchen.

Red Cross Blood Drive

- Saturday, October 16
- 10:15 am–4 pm in Fellowship Hall

Portage Chapel Hill needs people to serve at our next Blood Drive on Saturday, October 16. Set-up, morning shift, afternoon shift, tear-down, and food donations are all needed. Please go to pchum.org/blooddrive to sign up, or contact Blood Drive Coordinator Gail Thompson at gkdt@sbcglobal.net.

Give By Mail:

Portage Chapel Hill
7028 Oakland Dr.
Portage MI 49024

Give Online:

pchum.org/give

Give On Realm:

onrealm.org/pchum

Text-To-Give:

Text "PCHUM" to
73256

Share The Warmth Coat Drive

As you get out and dust off your jackets and coats in anticipation of cooler weather, please consider donating items you no longer need to the Salvation Army's annual Share The Warmth coat drive. Throughout the month of October, there will be collection bins at Portage Chapel Hill Church for you to donate gently used coats and jackets. Collection bins will be available by October 4.

Flu Shot Clinic

- Sunday, October 17 from 9 am—Noon
- Monday, October 18 from 10 am—Noon

Portage Chapel Hill is partnering with Ascension Borgess to provide flu and pneumonia vaccines to the church and community. No registration is necessary. Flu and pneumonia vaccines are free with most insurances.

Resettling our Afghan Neighbors

Many folks have been asking how Portage Chapel Hill Church is responding to the crisis in Afghanistan. The church's Faith In Action Team (FIAT) is working quickly to put together a plan of action. Here's how you can help:

- A huge need is for affordable housing. Anyone who has housing available is asked to contact Afifa Thaj at athaj@samaritas.org.
- Join the Action Team at Chapel Hill. This church has a history of helping to resettle refugee families from around the world. Previously this work has involved shepherding a family through the moving process and providing both tangible and emotional support, everything from collecting household goods to English language tutoring, to driving family members to appointments. If you are interested in being part of this team please contact co-chairs Carolyn Pesheck at cvpesheck@sbcglobal.net, or Joelle Ibanes at jdibanes@gmail.com.
- Donate. There are a number of ways to donate both physical items and financial gifts. You may donate money to Portage Chapel Hill with the note "Afghan Neighbors." Household items are being collected at People's Church in Kalamazoo, First Congregational of Kalamazoo, and Prince of Peace Lutheran in Portage.

Please Note: We do not yet have specific family information. It is best to call ahead to see what items are most needed. Portage Chapel Hill Church is *not* a collection site at this time.

People's Church - peopleschurch.net

1758 10th St. N, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 - (269) 375-3262

First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo - firstcongregationalkzoo.org

345 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007 - (269) 343-1549

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - poppottage.org

1747 W. Milham Ave., Portage, MI 49024 - (269) 343-3453

Dear Portage Chapel Hill Church Members and Community Groups,

As we begin our Fall Worship and Christian Education schedule, Portage Chapel Hill Church's Guidance Board and church staff wanted to provide some clarity and direction for the COVID related safety measures that are expected now and moving forward until the spread of this virus in the community is under control. Understand that we are observing the trends and are seeing increased transmission in our local community based on the data released by the state of Michigan for Kalamazoo County. With this in mind, we want to thoughtfully open the doors and increase our in-person offerings in a safe manner for all members of our church community.

To ensure a safe environment for all, please comply with the following controls when visiting Portage Chapel Hill Church:

- If you are feeling unwell, stay home.
- All persons who are eligible are expected to be vaccinated.
- All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask covering nose and mouth while indoors.
- All persons should refrain from hand shaking and should regularly use hand sanitizer or wash hands in the facilities provided.
- Persons should maintain 6 feet physical distance between family groups where able.
- Everyone should proceed outdoors to socialize following services or other activities.
- For activities hosted outdoors masking and physical distancing is not required.

We appreciate the cooperation of all groups and individuals utilizing the facility in following these safety measures.

If you are not comfortable with these safety measures for any reason, the church continues to offer virtual service and Christian education opportunities.

Thank you!

The Chapel Hill Guidance Board and Pastors